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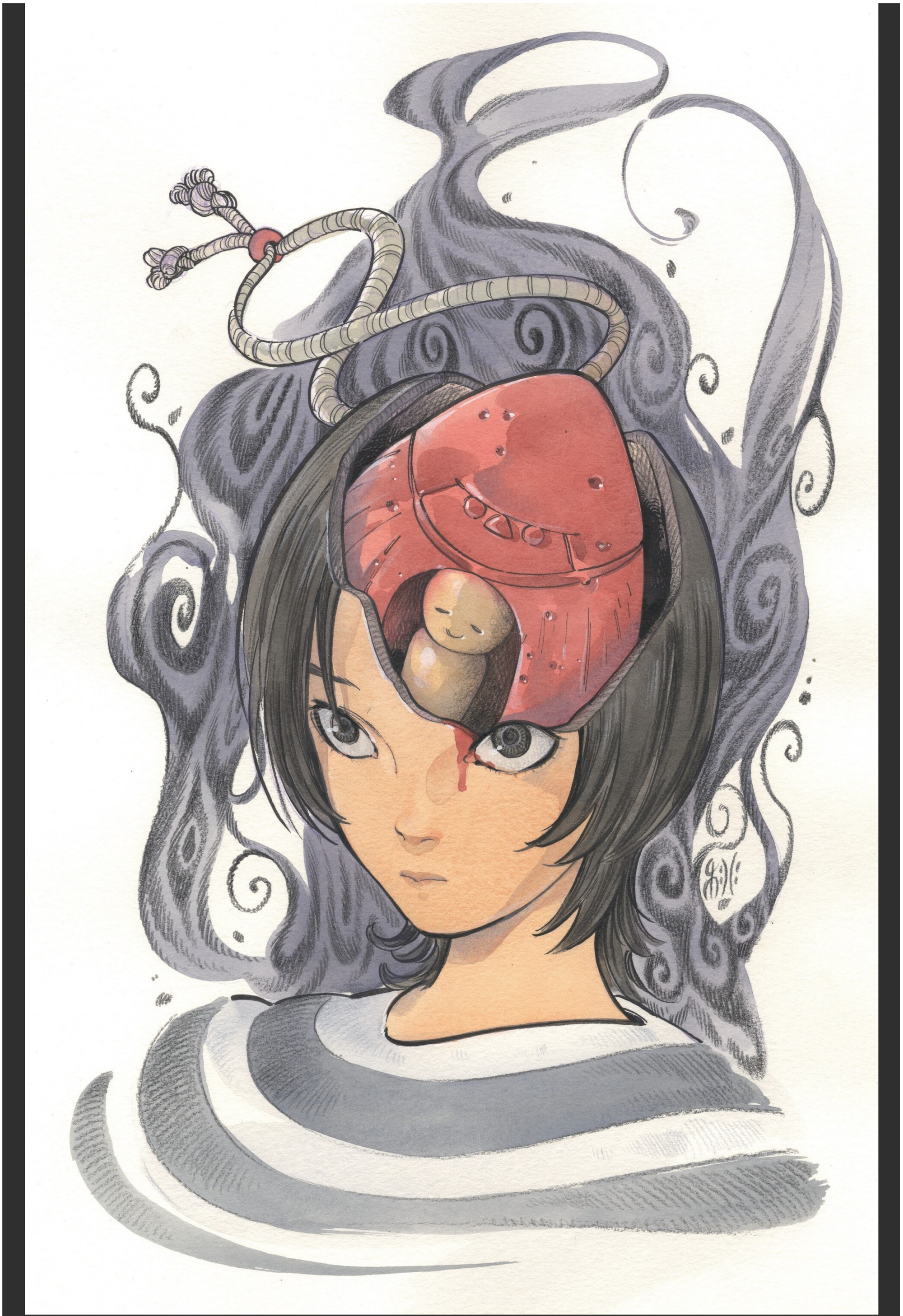

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A diabolical genius known as **THE MAKER** used time travel to create his ideal Earth by systematically preventing anyone from ever becoming a super hero—except for those on his secret **MAKER'S COUNCIL**, whom he stationed to rule over different regions of the world.

HI NO KUNI ("LAND OF THE SUN") became one of two hotbeds for mutant activity, but civilians were unaware—until social media connected a human body found in a suitcase, **#MEATCASE**, to a cult called **THE CHILDREN OF THE ATOM**. This led to a media frenzy surrounding the cult as its members were identified as mutants who'd been subjected to experimentation under their leader, the zealous **MAESTER**.

Maester considered cult member **SHINOBU KAGEYAMA (SHADOW KING)** to be particularly special—but when the cult was driven underground, Shinobu could focus only on his obsession with another mutant: **HISAKO ICHIKI (ARMOR)**. And by preying on Hisako's guilt surrounding her childhood friend's suicide, Shinobu engulfed her, and her friends, in shadows…

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CAST:

HISAKO ICHIKI
ARMOR

MEI IGARASHI
MAYSTORM

NICO MINORU
FLEDGLING PSYCHIC

MORI
NICO'S FRIEND

NATSU TSUKISHIMA
NICO'S FRIEND

YUKIO
STREAMER

SHINOBU KAGEYAMA
SHADOW KING

MAESTER
CHILDREN OF THE ATOM LEADER

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Hey!!!

Yeah, you!!!

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You hear me?

You finally awake, *Dark Armor?*

I know what you did.

URRRMMM

We're here to make you pay!

Incoming.

Yeaahh!!!

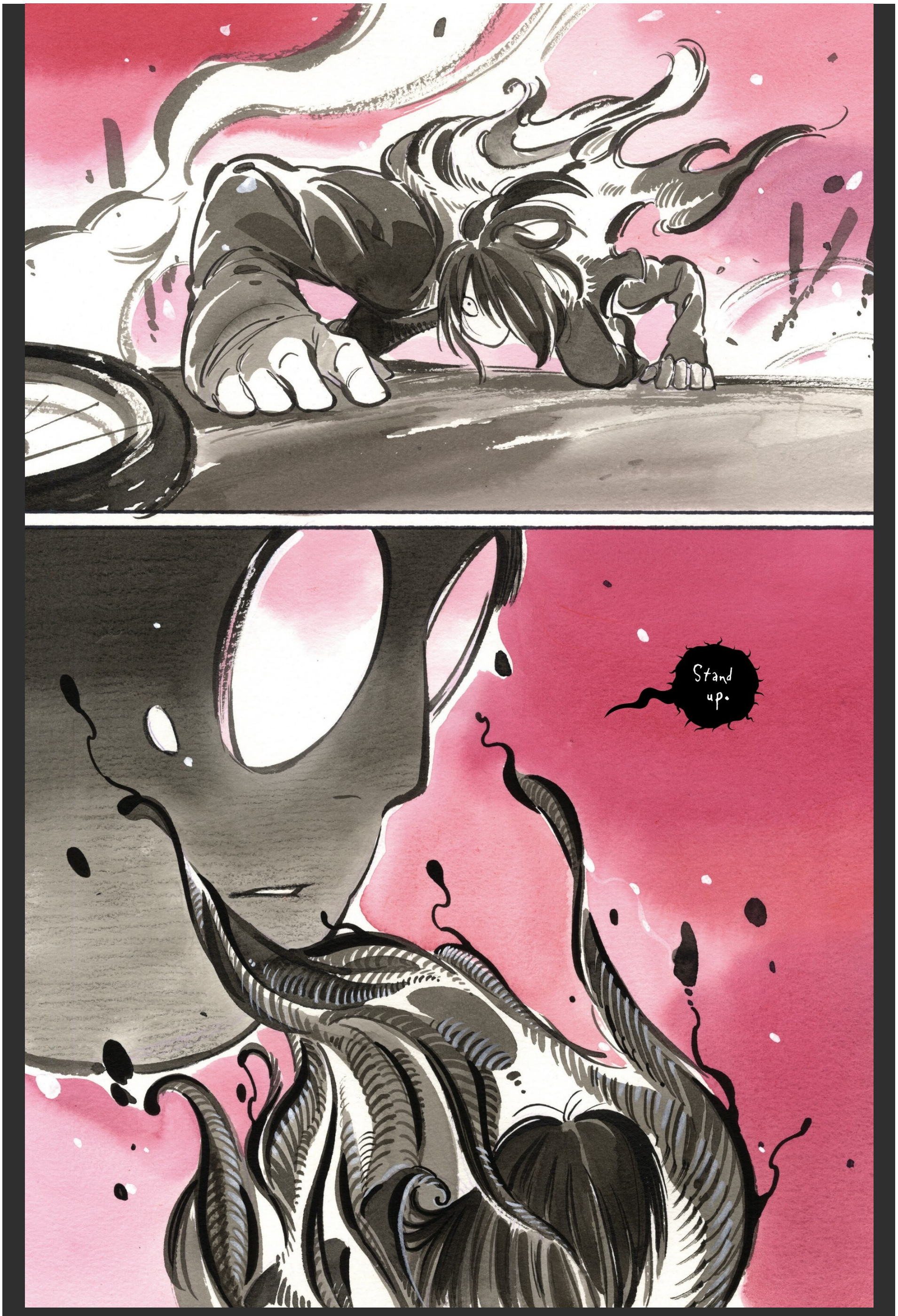
That was *close.*

We need to do something about that *bike.* Kanon, on my cue...

...drag Hisako down.

NOW!

YANK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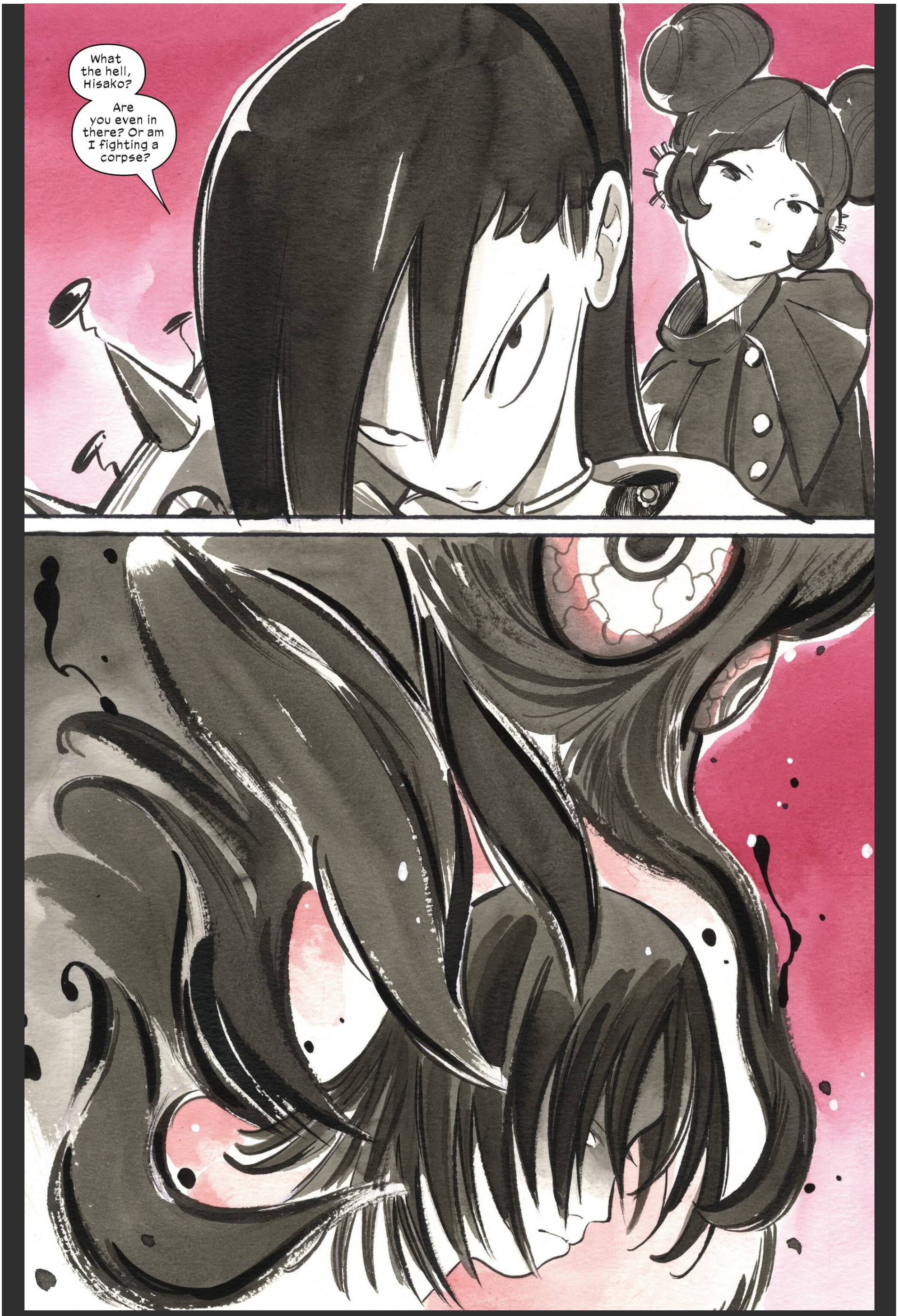
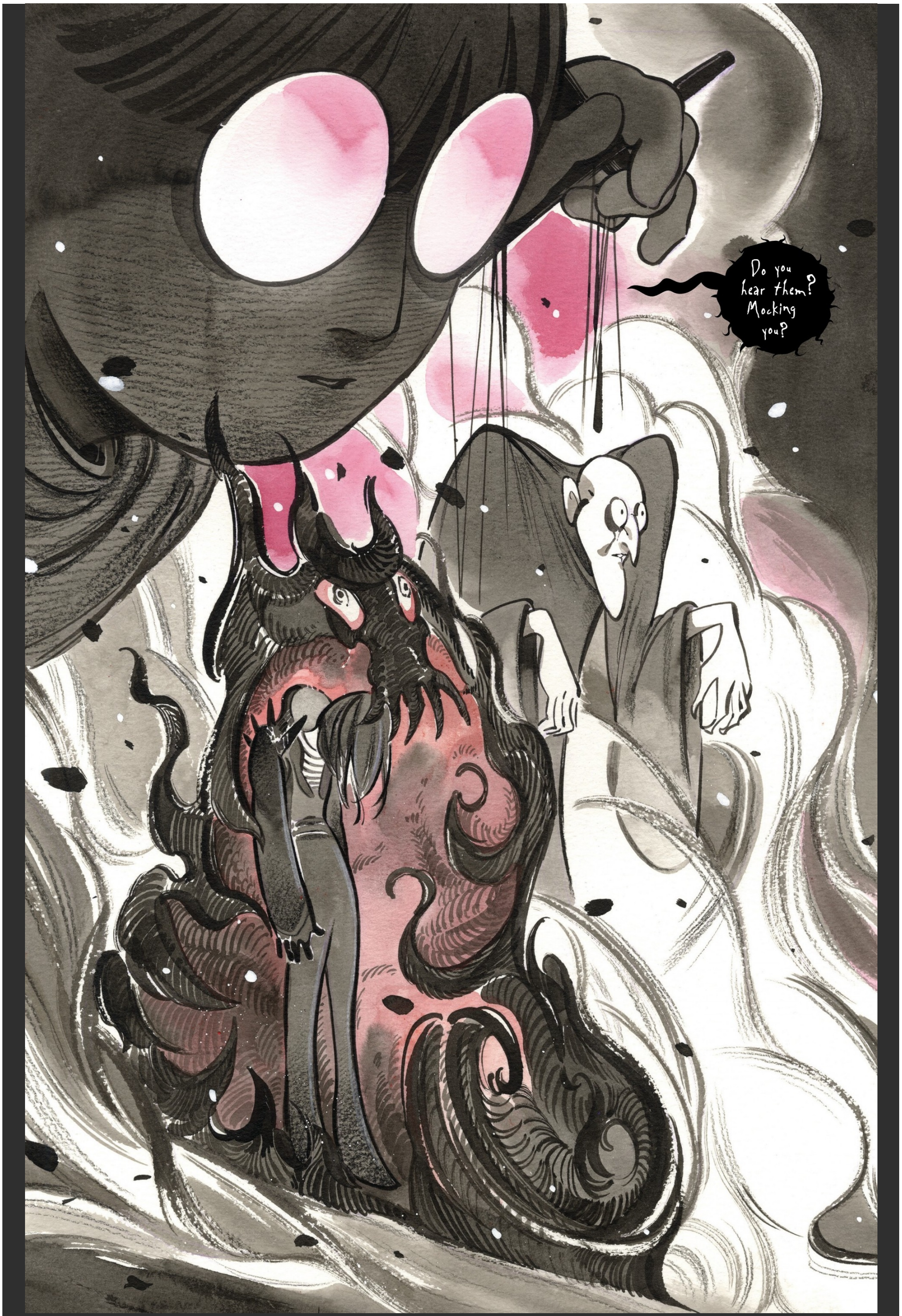

What the hell, Hisako?
Are you even in there? Or am I fighting a corpse?


Do you hear them? Mocking you?

Is that one of my children I see there?

Your turn, Mr. Fujiwara.

Feed your Maester your blood!
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Ahh!!!

Kekekekekeke...

I believe we have a situation.

There're too many...!

Back off, Shadow King!

You think you can cover the world in your shadows? Steal our future?

Never!

I will be the light to stand against you!!!

MAYSTORM!!!

At last.

Our family has gathered.

Family?

We are the mutant family. Brothers and sisters, bonded by blood.

Like all families, we both love and hate each other.

Perhaps this is our fate.

NO way!

I'll unite the mutants together!!!

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Mutants. I'm sick of hearing about mutants.
I didn't ask for this...
You think you're good? You think you're a hero?
People like you are pathetic. Dreaming of a future.
Trusting in hope.
I hate you all!

ZZAAARK
Damn! Not even a scratch!

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Wh-what the hell?

...Meat... case...?

Enough of this.

You leave me no choice...

...but to unleash the *oni*.
Mori... No, it can't be...
I killed her... It's my fault...it's always my fault...
Stand back, Natsu. Kanon is about to *let loose*.

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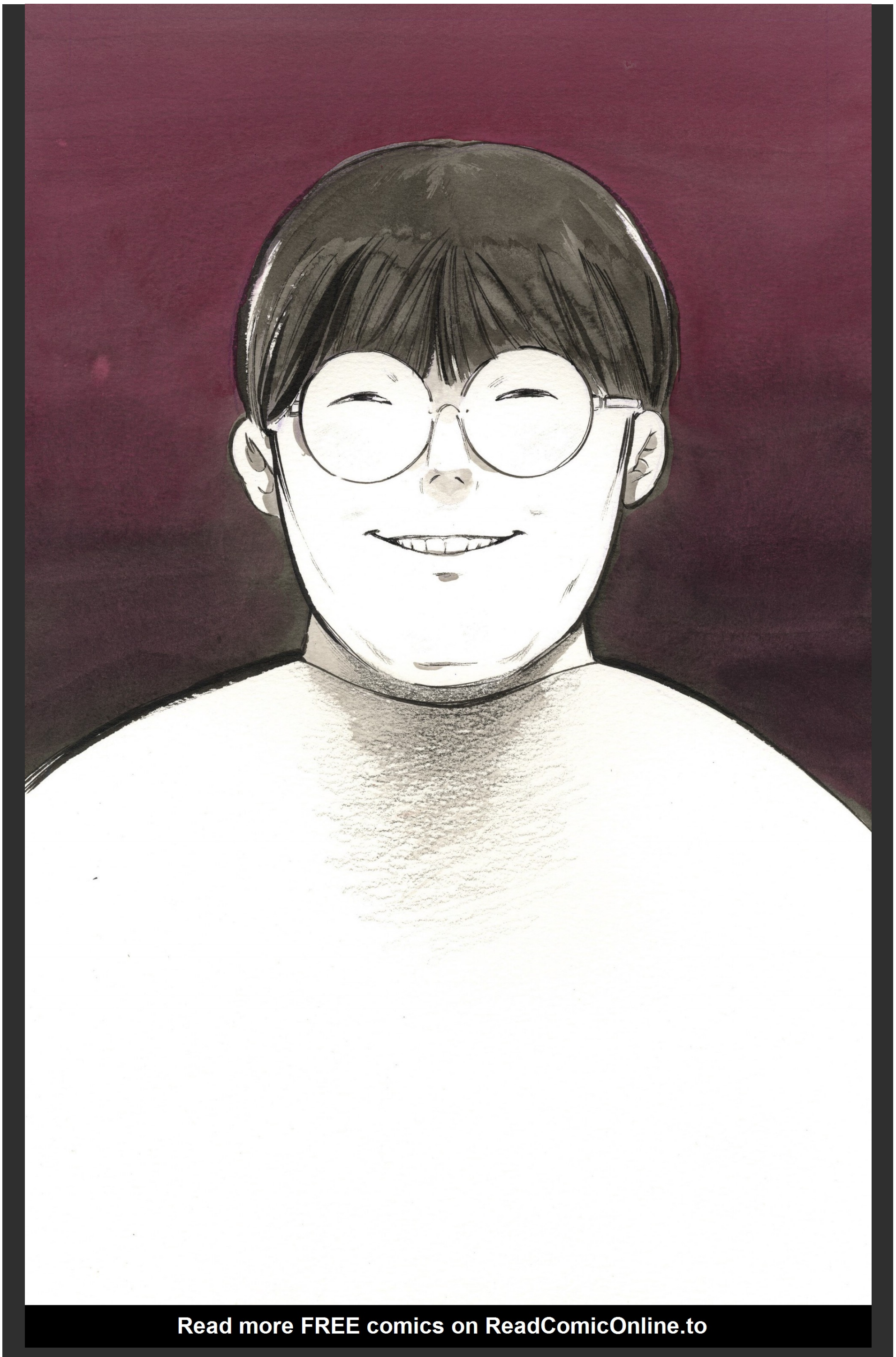

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This is the first time...
...I've seen Kageyama smile.

If I can control their emotional states...

...the world will be in our hands.

The Children of the Atom are born again.

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SUKEBAN AND TSUPPARI

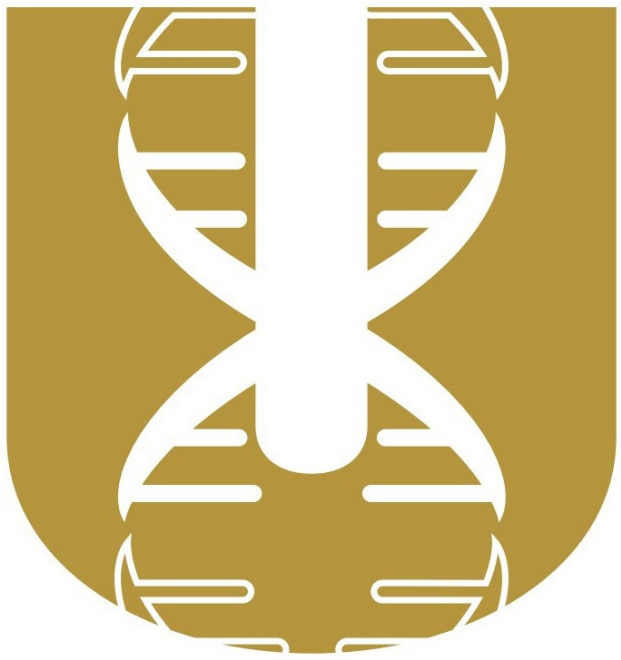
Sukeban were punk middle and high school girls during the '70s.

The term comes from combining "suke," which referred to girls during the Showa period but is no longer used, and "bancho," the term for a leader of punks.

Tsuppari were groups of punk boys during the '60s through the '80s. "Tsupparu" means acting tough.

The boys would modify their school uniforms, commonly by shortening the length of school shirts and wearing baggy pants and flat shoes.

The girls would shorten the length of their school uniform (sailor uniform) tops, wear long skirts and sport flattened leather bags.



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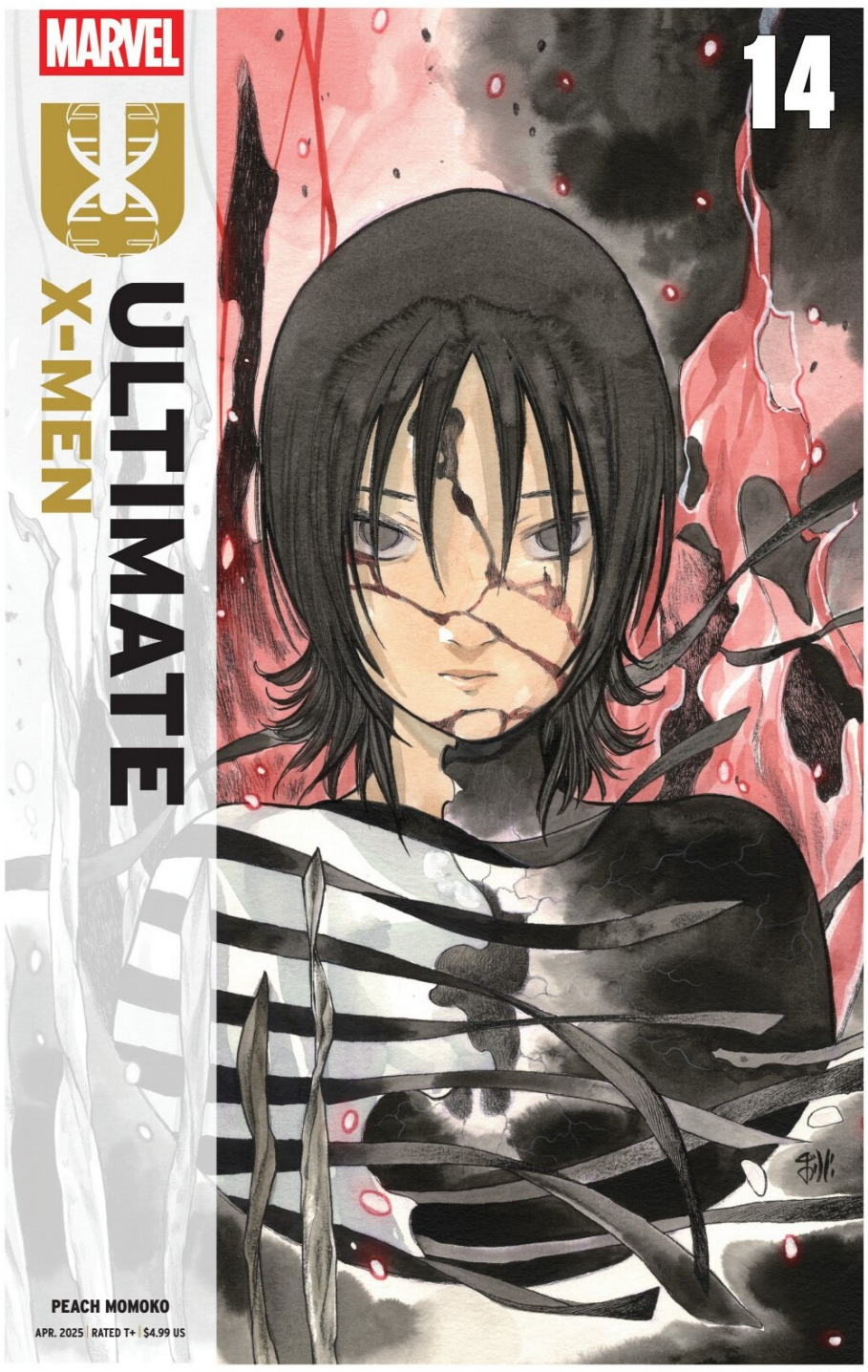

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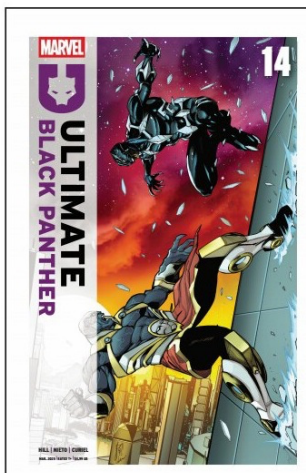

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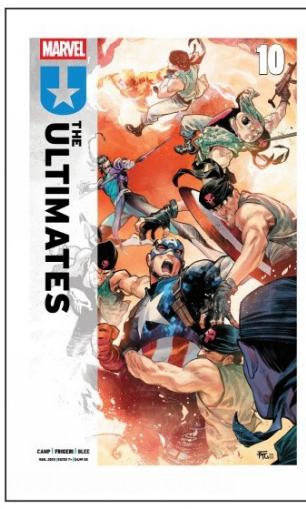

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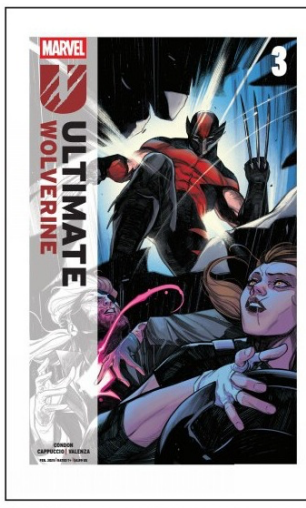

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